

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, JO

SUBJECT: JORDANIAN TANKS  
REF: A) STATE 092628 B) AMMAN 3733

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT DECLINED TO PROVIDE P&B DATA ON  
M48A5 OR M60A1 TANKS AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT ISSUE IS NOT  
PRESENTED IN THIS FASHION TO JORDANIANS. REF A CONVEYED  
ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF TANK SITUATION AND CAN BE PRESENTED  
AS SUCH. USG CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE AVAILABILITY  
DATA ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT OR SHORTLY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

2. IF GOJ RAISES CLAIM THAT U.S. IS PRODUCING M48A5S FOR  
ISRAEL, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DENY IT -- CLAIM HAS NO BASIS.  
SIMILARLY, GOI HAS NOT RPT NOT CANCELLED ORDER FOR MORE THAN  
100 M60A1 TANKS. IN REGARD TO KOREA, USG NOT RPT NOT PRO-  
VIDING M48A5 TANKS. WE ARE PROVIDING KITS FOR CONVERSION TO  
M48A5 AS WE WILL BE PROVIDING SIMILAR KITS TO JORDAN.

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3. WHILE WRITTEN JCS STUDY NOT RELEASABLE TO GOJ, YOU MAY  
DRAW ON IT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDANIAN OFFICIALS. FULL  
TEXT POUCHED. IN MEANTIME, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE FYI  
INFO PARA 6 REF A WITH EXCEPTION OF PHRASE QUOTE WHILE  
REMAINING SOMEWHAT INFERIOR TO THE M60A3 END QUOTE. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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